

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1 to 21. (Canceled)

22. (Previously Presented) An optical scanning apparatus comprising a deflection optical system which deflects a light beam from a light source, and a scanning and imaging lens system which forms an imaging spot on a surface to be scanned with the light beam from said deflection optical system,

wherein the wavelength of the light source is 500 nm or less, and

wherein said scanning and imaging lens system has at least one plastic lens, and an optical member having a spectral characteristic similar to the inverse of a wavelength characteristic of the transmittance of said plastic lens.

23. (Original) An optical scanning apparatus according to claim 22, wherein said optical member comprises a reflecting mirror.

24. (Original) An optical scanning apparatus according to claim 22, wherein said optical member comprises a filter.

25. (Original) An optical scanning apparatus according to claim 22, wherein said optical member comprises an optical thin film.

26. (Original) An optical scanning apparatus according to any one of claims 22 to 25, wherein said light source comprises a gallium nitride blue-violet semiconductor laser.

27. (Original) An optical scanning apparatus according to claim 22, wherein said scanning and imaging lens system has at least one plastic lens; and if the maximum and the minimum of the total ray passage distance of said plastic lens according to the deflection angle from the optical axis is L_{\max} and L_{\min} , respectively, then $L_{\max} - L_{\min} < 10 \text{ mm}$ is satisfied.

28. (Previously Presented) An image forming apparatus comprising an optical scanning apparatus according to any one of claims 22 to 25 or 27;

a photosensitive member disposed at a surface to be scanned of said optical scanning apparatus;

a development device which develops as a toner image an electrostatic latent image formed on said photosensitive member by a beam of light moved in a scanning manner by said optical scanning apparatus;

a transfer device which transfers the developed toner image onto a transfer member; and

a fixation device which fixes the transferred toner image on the transfer member.

29 to 33. (Canceled)

34. (New) An optical scanning apparatus according to claim 23, wherein said reflecting mirror is a bending mirror whose reflectance becomes higher as a wavelength of the light beam from the light source becomes shorter.